| 892341/574-7207<br>UNITED STATES DISTRIC<br>SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF | NEW YORK   | X |                                 |
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| MURRAY RICHMAN and RENEE RICHMAN,                                |            | : |                                 |
| ,  |            | : | Docket No.: 07 CIV 6255         |
|  | Plaintiffs |   |                                 |
| – against –  |            | : | ANSWER                          |
| STONEBRIDGE CASUALT  | Υ          | : | Defendant demands a jury trial. |
| INSURANCE COMPANY,   | Defendant. | : | • •                             |
|  |            | X |                                 |

Defendant Stonebridge Casualty Insurance Company ("Stonebridge") answers the Complaint as follows:

## **Answering The Complaint**

- 1. Stonebridge admits paragraph 1 of the complaint.
- 2. Stonebridge denies paragraphs 2 and 3 of the complaint and admits that plaintiffs purchased a Travel Protection Plan (the "plan") and refers to the plan for its terms.
  - 3. Stonebridge denies paragraphs 4 through 7 of the complaint.

## First Affirmative Defense

4. The complaint fails to state a basis for the recovery of punitive damages.

### Second Affirmative Defense

5. The illness claimed by plaintiffs was a pre-existing condition under the plan for which plaintiffs are not covered.

## Third Affirmative Defense

6. The complaint is barred by ratification, waiver and estoppel.

### **Fourth Affirmative Defense**

7. The complaint is barred by the terms and conditions of the plan.

Wherefore, Stonebridge demands judgment dismissing the action, with costs and disbursements.

Dated: New York, New York July 9, 2007

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### Declaration of Service

I served the annexed ANSWER by first-class mail on the following persons on July 9, 2007:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on July 9, 2007.

NANCY A. ERRIGO

| UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT<br>SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YO | RK         |   |
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|   | Plaintiff, | _                                       |
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| STONEBRIDGE CASUALTY INSURA<br>COMPANY,                     | ANCE       |   |
|   | Defendant. |   |

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